

Shipments Of Potatoes Down

Up to Monday night, March 22, a total of 9,326 carloads of potatoes had been shipped from the Klamath Basin from the 1953 crop. This figure was released by Ross Aubrey, in charge of shipping point inspection, and C. A. Henderson, county agriculture extension agent. It takes in actual shipments, plus overloads and seed, that will be completely reported at the end of the month. This figure is still 2,173 cars under shipments from the 1952 crop, totaling 11,499 cars.

New Uses Needed For Small Spuds

Part of the Oregon potato problem is finding by-product outlets for small U.S. No. 1s and low grades, according to Ben Davidson, Redmond, administrator of the Oregon Potato Commission. Cattle feeding of culls is one satisfactory way to clean up low grades and sizes, he added. Another means and one that furnishes an ever-increasing outlet as consumer acceptance grows, is use for potato chips, frozen French fries, frozen potato patties, potato soup, soup stock, starch and flour. By-products are on the gain, Davidson emphasized. He warned, however, that growers must keep the quality up to standard.

Annual 4-H Fair Plans Announced

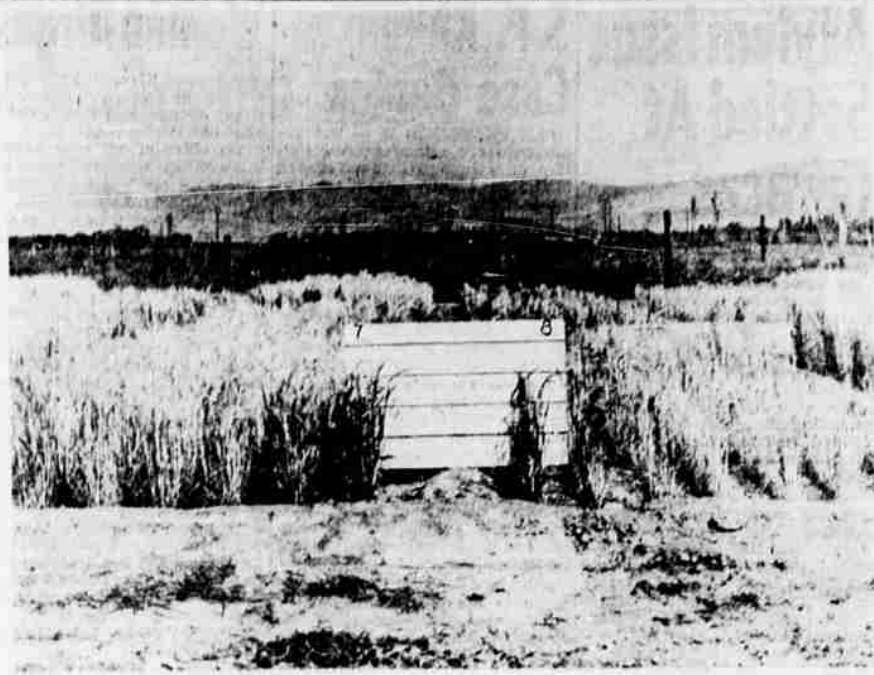
Spring is just around the corner—and so is the annual 4-H Spring Fair, which will be held April 22, 23 and 24 at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. At a recent meeting of the general committee, chairmen were selected to head the various committees. The general committee is composed of Mrs. John Heyden, Mrs. Fred Wolfram, Mrs. George Kelling, Mrs. Oral Heavilin, Mrs. Wilbur Book and Mrs. Frank Husted.

Visitors Spread Farm Diseases

If farmers will keep visitors away from stock barns and poultry buildings, they will help keep new diseases off the farm, the American Foundation for Animal Health, said today. "Stringent precautions to keep all visitors away from livestock and poultry may seem harsh, but they will pay dividends in reduced disease losses," Foundation officials said. "Visitors may bring in the germs and viruses of many diseases on their clothing and shoes. Such infectious diseases as hog cholera, foot and mouth disease, shipping fever, and many others may be spread in this way." The recent outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in Canada may have resulted from the virus being brought from Europe on someone's clothing, Foundation authorities indicated.

"Owners should not hesitate to keep visitors away from livestock quarters," officials said. "This is especially true when there are outbreaks of contagious diseases on nearby farms!"

LABOR DECISION
NEW YORK (AP)—Top leaders of the CIO have decided to hold up final approval of a no-strike pact with the AFL until more AFL unions promise to go along with the agreement. The decision was announced yesterday by CIO President Walter P. Reuther after a meeting of the CIO Executive Board.



LAND RECLAIMED BY SPECIALISTS of the Klamath Experiment Station, show, plot 7, which received the complete reclamation treatment, producing 59 bushels of maturing barley per acre, while plot 8, receiving only partial treatment, produced only 17 bushels per acre.

AAUW Musicale To Be Held

The American Association of University Women annual spring musicale is slated for March 27, 2 p.m. in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

AAUW music chairman, Julia Zumwalt, announced that the special program will feature Wayne Angel, violinist; Jewel Howard, soprano; and Ernest Armstrong, organist. All are identified with Klamath Falls.

Wayne, gifted young violinist, is billed as guest artist, coming from Portland where he is studying with Rex Underwood at Portland University. Although still in high school, he is recognized as a violin virtuoso by Northwest critics. Jewel Howard is a longtime favorite of Klamath audiences, and Armstrong is established as a finished musician with an enviable background of study under world-famous teachers.

Frances Koertje, president, emphasized that anyone interested is cordially invited.

Refreshments will be served by a committee of members chaired by Dolores Bracken who will also supervise decorations. Inez Kerson is chairman of arrangements.

Ruth Lobaugh and Julia Zumwalt are listed as piano accompanists.

The annual musicale is a major production; and each spring draws an enthusiastic capacity crowd.

Two Jima War Games Ended
TWO JIMA (AP)—The U. S. 3rd Marine Division today concluded the major part of a big "new look" amphibious maneuver covering atomic warfare problems.

The 20,000 men of the division ran through their paces and their commander, Maj. Gen. Robert H. Pepper said, "It stands to reason, if we have any new weapons we would certainly make use of them."

The amphibious landing which began Sunday was obviously tailored with one tactical eye on the possibility that landings of the future face atomic weapons. Preliminary bombardment and beach clearing was trimmed and compressed to obtain as much surprise as possible. There were no simulated atomic explosions, however.

HOME EXTENSION

By Mary Myers
The Butte Valley Home Extension Unit met recently at the home of Mrs. Bill Clement.

Subject for discussion was "Buffet Luncheons," for small and large groups. Mrs. E. Dow, Yreka was in charge.

Present for the meeting were Mrs. Cardine Clement, Mrs. Marie Bland, Mrs. Loraine Farnum, Mrs. Margaret Farnum, Mrs. Emeline Kappan, Mrs. May Dieter and Mrs. Beryl Young.

The unit will have a buffet luncheon April 15, at the Bill Clement home for all interested in home demonstration work.

Officers will be elected at this meeting.

Gilchrist Camp Fire Girls Meet
Two meetings of the Cheeka may Camp Fire group, Gilchrist, have been held recently.

The first, March 3, was at the home of Sharon Hitt, March 3. New officers elected at this meeting included Bea James, president; Jeanie Huddleston, vice president; Sharon Hitt, secretary; Mary Sue Koski, treasurer; and Mary Helen Edgar, scribe.

Following the meeting Mrs. Howard, leader, demonstrated how to make a mask for use when baby-sitting. Refreshments were served by the young hostess.

The second meeting, March 10, was at the home of Mary Sue Koski. The girls went to the Great postoffice where Mrs. Esther Goodall, postmistress, demonstrated how mail was stamped, sorted and sacked. She gave each visiting girl a list of stamps used in the postoffice, and a packet of airmail stickers.

Refreshments were later served at the home of the hostess.

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Use Of Lime Reported On

Western Oregon farmers can now take most of the guesswork out of using lime to combat acid soils that are cutting crop production, especially among clovers, alfalfa and other legumes.

Attacking the common belief that "lime is lime," Oregon State College soils department has provided county extension agents with a "score card" that rates the effectiveness of all commercial lime registered for sale in western Oregon.

T. L. Jackson, OSC extension soils specialist, says scores are based on purity and degree of grading of liming materials which vary widely among brands now sold in the area. The score card shows the amount of each brand needed to correct acidity to levels needed for growth of various crops. It will also guide farmers in measuring relative costs of brands.

Jackson says soil acidity is one of the major factors limiting crop production in western Oregon and that liming to neutralize acids and supply the plant nutrient calcium is the only practical solution to the problem.

SOLDIERS RETURN
TOKYO (AP)—Almost nine years after the Pacific war, seven former Japanese soldiers have returned to their homeland from Indonesia. The seven men, and two Indonesian wives and one child, landed Monday.

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Lower Turkey Prices Seen

Unless turkey growers cut their production well below the numbers that now seem likely, they can expect much lower prices this year, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson has warned. "Now is the time to adjust turkey production to probable demand," the secretary stated. "Growers, as well as feed and processing companies, should recognize the risks of possible overproduction and be prepared to accept the market price for the birds which they grow this year. Turkey producers had a relatively good year in 1953 and I hope they can have another good season this year by stabilizing production." Indications are that this year's turkey crop may be larger than last year, and cold storage holdings of turkeys are also relatively heavy.

KF Cattlemen Plan Meeting

The Klamath Cattlemen's Association will hold their annual meeting Tuesday March 30, at the Willard Hotel. Starting at 2 p.m. with registration, a business meeting will follow at 2:30.

W. M. Williams, association president, will report on the activities of the group for 1953, and Frank Benson, secretary of the Oregon State Cattlemen's Association will discuss the 1953 beef promotion program.

Following election of officers scheduled for 3:30, J. E. Oldfield, OSC animal husbandry department, will talk on supplementing home grown feeds in cattle rations.

Committee meetings will complete the afternoon session to be followed by a banquet and entertainment at 6:30.

A special invitation is being extended to the ladies and other members of the cattlemen's families. Reservations should be turned in to County Extension Agent Ray Petersen by Monday March 29.

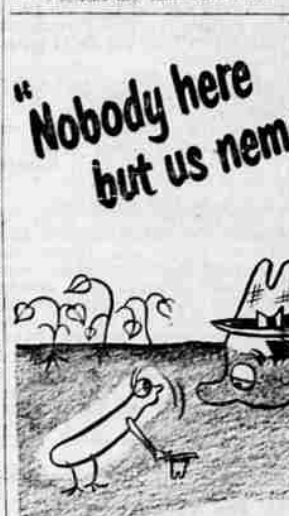
Farm Interest Rate Announced

The rate of interest charged producers and others on price support loans will be 3½ per cent per year, effective with the 1954 price support loan programs, ASC State Chairman E. Harvey Miller, said today.

This reduction of one half of one per cent from the four per cent rate in effect for loans on 1953 crops is in line with the recent trend of interest rates on short-term government and commercial borrowings. Lending agency agreements for 1954 crop loans, covering the services and interest on the use of funds, will be amended later.

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